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§ 1200.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part—

Embossing seal means a display of the form and content of the official seal made on a die so that the seal can be embossed on paper or other medium.

NARA means all organizational units of the National Archives and Records Administration.

Official seal means the original(s) of the seal showing the exact form, content and color.

Replica or *reproduction* means a copy of the official seal displaying the form, content and color.

§ 1200.2 Description and design.

(a) *National Archives and Records Administration seal*. The design is illustrated below and described as follows:

Centered on a disc with a double-line border a solid line rendition of an heraldic eagle displayed holding in its left talon thirteen arrows, in its right talon a branch of olive, bearing on its breast a representation of the shield of the United States and displayed above its head a partially unrolled scroll inscribed with the words LITTERA SCRIPTA MANET one above the other; all within the circumscription NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, with the date 1985 at bottom center.



(b) *National Archives seal*. The design is illustrated below and described as in paragraph (a) of this section, encircled by the circumscription THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, with the date 1934 at the bottom center.



(c) *National Archives Trust Fund Board seal*. The design is illustrated below and described as in paragraph (a) of

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this section, encircled by the circumscription NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND BOARD, with the date 1941 at the bottom center.



§ 1200.4 Authority to affix seals.

The Archivist of the United States and the Archivist's designees are authorized to affix the official seals, embossing seals, replicas and reproductions to appropriate documents, certifications and other material for all purposes authorized by this part.

§ 1200.6 Use of the seals.

(a) The seals are the official emblems of NARA and their use is therefore permitted only as provided in this part.

(b) Use by any person or organization outside NARA may be made only with prior written approval by NARA.

(c) Requests by any person or organization outside NARA for permission to use the seals must be made in writing to the Archivist of the United States, National Archives (N), Washington, DC 20408, and must specify, in detail, the exact use to be made. Any permission granted applies only to the specific use for which it was granted and is not to be construed as permission for any other use.

(d) Use of the NARA and the National Archives of the United States seals shall be primarily for informational purposes and for authentication of documents. The National Archives Trust Fund Board seal shall be used only for Trust Fund documents and publica-

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tions. The seals may not be used on any article or in any manner which may discredit the seals or reflect unfavorably upon NARA or which implies NARA endorsement of commercial products or services, or of the user's policies or activities.

(e) Falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, mutilating, or altering the official seals, replicas, reproductions or embossing seals, or knowingly using or possessing with fraudulent intent any altered seal is punishable under section 506 of title 18, United States Code.

(f) Any person using the official seals, replicas, reproductions, or embossing seals in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this part is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1017, which provides penalties for the wrongful use of an official seal, and to other provisions of law as applicable.

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